

## **INDOT 2016 Long Range Project Review and 2017-2030 Long Range Project Review Meeting Notes**

**NIRCC (Ft Wayne MPO) and Region 3A Development District (Rural Planning Office) at  
Ft. Wayne District Office, May 8, 2006, 1:30-3:00PM**

**Attendees:**     *Robert Alderman, Ft Wayne District Director*  
                      *Ben Shaffer, Ft Wayne Planning and Programming Director*  
                      *Dan Avery, NIRCC Executive Director*  
                      *Steve Smith, INDOT Central Office Planning Manager*  
                      *David Armstrong, Ft Wayne District Local Programs Coordinator*  
                      *David Gee, Region 3A Development District Director*  
                      *Jeanette Wilson, INDOT Central Office Planning Liaison*

Steve Smith began the meeting with a quick review of the meeting's agenda. The four primary meeting components were:

- 1.)           Review INDOT Long Range Plan, concentrating on projects for District and MPO in the 2006 to 2016 timeframe.
  - A. Projects in the 2006 to 2015 Major Moves Program (The September 2005 draft listing)
  - B. Review of the Candidate 2016 IPOC projects and preliminary priority evaluation.
  - C. Identification of any projects in the 2006 to 2015 time frame that are not in the Major Moves Program or not a Candidate 2016 IPOC project.
- 2.)           Discussion of IPOC scoring process and opportunities to provide information to assist scoring and evaluations.
- 3.)           Review of Statewide Mobility Corridor System and propose Access Management Guidelines.

**Background – 2016 IPOC Candidate Projects:** - The Indiana Planning Oversight Committee (IPOC) was developed in 2005. IPOC is the guiding force for the development of the Ten-Year Highway Production Plan, subset consisting of the first ten-years of the INDOT Long-Range Plan. The first fully funded 10-year highway production plan is called the *Major Moves Plan*; it covers the period 2006 to 2015. As originally envisioned, the process is intended to move forward from year-to-year. As the 2006 fiscal year is completed, the 2016 fiscal year is added. The 2016 IPOC candidate projects are first identified, applications are then submitted and the projects are then scored according to the IPOC protocols. Their ultimate placement in the Ten-Year Production Plan depends upon the project's score and funding availability projected for the fiscal year. The IPOC candidate project process is annual process; next year, candidate projects for fiscal year 2017 will be evaluated and considered and then submitted to the IPOC Committee for inclusion into the ten-year production plan.

For fiscal year 2016, three added capacity project applications were submitted for the Ft. Wayne District:

1. A new interchange at I-69 and Gump/Hursh Road, 2.95 miles north of SR 1 in Allen County.
2. Added Travel Lanes on SR 19 from US 6 to US 20 in Elkhart County.
3. Proposed new bypass of Angola in Steuben County.

### **2016 IPOC Candidate Projects:**

I-69 –Gump/Hursh Road Interchange. The benefits to having a new interchange were discussed. The construction at the location may have some issues geometrically. The advantages to having it at this location is for relieving congestion at SR 3 Coldwater and DuPont and provide access to I-69 for the Hometown area. DeKalb County to the north would like to see the interchange at the rest stop to help promote economic development and to provide access to the airport.

COMMENT: If the interchange is constructed, the added travel lanes on I-69 in the area south may need to extend up to the new interchange and may need to move up the in the schedule.

SR 19, US 6 to US 20. Project should be broken out into 3 segments – 1. US 20 to Wakarusa, 2. Wakarusa south and 3. the segment in Nappanee. The area near South Bend is should LOS E and F in 2030. Should this project remain as one long corridor, the potential for addressing the immediate needs of the corridor lessen due to high construction cost for the whole project. Segmented the corridor improvements would allow funding those segments that need the improvements in the near future.

COMMENT: The MPO would like to see a corridor study on this project. They will be meeting with the Mayor of Nappanee and will inform INDOT of the outcome of the meeting.

Angola Bypass. Study is still in the delayed corridor planning process with BLA. Outside legal counsel is being consulted on truck tolls only. The county roads proposed for the bypass will require extensive improvements to be able to handle truck traffic.

COMMENTS: INDOT is reviewing the project for IPOC,

### **Projects included in the draft Major Moves Program and Projects Listed in the INDOT Long-Range Plan 2017 – 2030:**

A list was provided that included all of the INDOT Long-Range Plan projects, identifying whether or not they were included in the draft Major Moves Plan, whether they were 2016 candidate projects or projects listed from 2017 – 2030. In addition, a draft initial scoring for all of the projects in the out-years 2017 to 2030 was provided. As part of the INDOT Long-Range Plan update, the first ten years of the plan would be the Major Moves: Major New Highway Construction Plan. The balance of projects from 2017 to 2030 would undergo a scoring process similar to IPOC and then be placed into the plan update based on their scores and the anticipated budget level of funding.

US 24 interchanges in the “Fort to Port” project. District and MPO have questions regarding the actual costs for this road project. It appears that in IPOC it does not take into consideration the cost for the new interchanges. Questions are whether it even takes into consideration the advance ROW purchases.

COMMENT: District and MPO need to be informed about how the interchanges are going to be developed. It was suggested that the right-of-way may be acquired now and then construct interchanges at a later date.

SR 3 from DuPont to Carroll – This project is included in Major Moves ID #325 and the 2030 Long Range Plan as LRP ID# 808. The limits of this project should be from DuPont to Gump. Project mileage is correct at 3.30 miles.

SR 1 from SR 116 to I-469. This project needs to be broken out into possibly four phases. Potential segments would be *a.)* SR 116 to 300N. *b.)* 300N to 850N. *c.)* 850N to 1100N and *d.)* 1100N to I-469. This would allow for a reasonable improvement. If the project remains as one long segment, it has the potential to not address the areas that need improvements in a timely matter.

COMMENTS: In the town of Ossian there are right-of-way limitations. With the removal of parking, it may be feasible to have four lanes. This may be something the District would be able to discuss with town officials.

SR 8 west of Auburn. This project may be handled as a TSM. The horizontal alignment is substandard with no shoulders. The section from SR 1 to Auburn city limits may be a safety issue.

COMMENTS: Inform Brad Steckler Manager of the Safety and Mobility Section of this project for possible future improvements.

US 33 projects, LRP ID# 727 and 504. US 33 from Cook to O Day is in 2019 and US 33 from O Day to SR 25 is in 2024. There are potential safety issues in this area. The improvements may be handled by short periodic passing lanes.

COMMENTS: Inform Brad Steckler, Manager of the Safety and Mobility Section of this project and comments. The addition of passing lanes to the existing corridor could potential solve the safety issues in this area.

US 6 Kendallville from SR 3 to east junction with SR 3 about 1.1 miles. The limits are too short for this to be considered and added travel lanes project. Plan ID #529 and #530 could move in closer to ID #26 which is in 2006. There is local support to widen from 2 to 4 lanes however traffic does not warrant it at this time.

COMMENT: Change #530 to added travel lanes project.

US 33 LRP # 505 and 506 – This is a road reconstruction project and has the potential for passing lanes. There are right-of-way issues also

COMMENTS: Inform Brad Steckler, Manager of the Safety and Mobility Section of the potential for passing lanes in this area between US 30 to near Churubusco in Whitley County.

US 20 added travel lanes LRP #527 – Development of this project will depend on what happens with the Angola Bypass study. Should it be determined that a new bypass will be built it is not likely that this added travel lanes project will occur.

**Review of Statewide Mobility Corridor System and Access Management Guidelines:** Steve Smith said that INDOT was in the process of reviewing and updating its Statewide Mobility Corridors. He invited the District to review the corridors and to make any suggestion for changes. The District was given copies of the maps to review at their convenience and e-mail any suggested changes to him at a late dates. Suggested changes would be taken under advisement as the corridors were updated.

**Access Control:** Steve Smith handed out a copy of proposed access management guidelines and asked that they be reviewed. Responses and suggestions could be turned in later.